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TO THE MEMBERS OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, SIXTY-SIXTH
LEGISLATURE; REGULAR SESSION:

Pursuant to Article IV, Section 14, I herewith return to
you House Bill 2153 vetoed, for the following reasons:

This bill continues a trend started in previous legislatures,
that if allowed to continue would negate any attempt by the state,
through the Parks and Wildlife Department, to regulate the taking
of wildlife in this state. If this continues we would have no
"uniform" wildlife regulations. If the legislature desires that
there be no uniform regulation, and desires each county to regulate
wildlife in that county, then the legislature should abolish all
of the "uniform" regulations.

If we allowed each county to regulate health regulations
applicable to the whole state and establish their own, we would
have 254 different "state" health regulations. The same principle
holds on various statewide laws -- they should either be applica-
ble to all or applicable to none.

I would hope that future legislatures would repeal Section
61.202 of the Parks and Wildlife Code that sets up veto power by
some 20 counties. In that same light, it is obvious I am against
adding any more counties to the list, and therefore, I return
House Bill 2153 to you unsigned.

Respectfully,

W. P. Clements, Jr.
Governor